



**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA**

**JUNE 20, 2021**

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12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Father's Day

June 20, 2021

## A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

(Click [here](#) to connect to today's live worship.)

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

### PRELUDE

*Epistle Sonata in Eb (Andante)*

W.A. Mozart

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The winds and waves are no match for our God.

People: **Christ speaks peace to the chaos and calm to the storm.**

Leader: In the midst of the storms of our lives,

People: **let us calm our minds and worship God with gladness.**

### CHORAL RESPONSE

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

*St. Denio*

(Hymn No. 12, verses 1,3,4)

*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*

*To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.  
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.*

*Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!*

### \*CONFESSION OF SIN

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**O Christ whose voice brought peace to the waves,  
we pray for a glimpse of your peace in our lives.**

**When all around us has given way to chaos,  
ground us in your presence.**

**When the struggle for justice seems endless and we grow tired,  
refresh us by your mercy.**

**Help us to see that you are in the boat with us,  
even when we are certain it is sinking.**

**Forgive us when we doubt the power of your grace, O Lord,  
and make us agents of your reign.**

\*All who are able, please stand.

Silent Confession  
Declaration of Pardon

**COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

Carl Rist

Leader: The Lord be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**  
Leader: Let us pray.  
**All: O Lord our God,**  
    **when we cry out to you in distress,**  
    **you bring us through desperate circumstances.**  
**You can quiet the storm to a whisper**  
    **and hush the sea's waves,**  
    **so great is your power.**  
**Help us to trust you, then,**  
    **whatever we may face;**  
    **knowing that you will lead us**  
    **to the harbor we have been hoping for.**  
**We offer you our thanks and praise. Amen.**

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Job 38:1-11

Carl Rist

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM LESSON**

Psalms 107:1-3, 23-32

Carl Rist

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 4:35-41

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

**CHORAL RESPONSE (Hymn No. 184)**

*Calm to the Waves*

*Calm Seas*

***Calm to the waves.***  
***Calm to the wind.***  
***Jesus whispers, "Peace be still."***  
***Balm to our hearts.***  
***Fears at an end.***  
***In stillness, hear his voice.***

**SERMON**

*"The Other Side"*

Mindy Douglas

**CHORAL RESPONSE (Hymn No. 74)**

*When God Restored Our Common Life*

*CMD*

***When God restored our common life, our hope, our liberty,***  
***at first it seemed a passing dream, a waking fantasy;***  
***a shock of joy swept over us, for we had wept so long;***  
***the seeds we watered once with tears sprang up into a song.***  
***We went forth weeping, sowing seeds in hard, unyielding soil;***  
***with laughing hearts we carry home the fruit of all our toil.***  
***We praise the One who gave the growth, with voices full and strong.***  
***The seeds we watered once with tears sprang up into a song.***

*Great liberating God, we pray for all who are oppressed.  
May those who long for what is right with justice now be blest.  
We pray for those who mourn this day, and all who suffer wrong;  
may seeds they water now with tears spring up into a song.*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

John Weicher

**9.36** The church gathers to praise God, to hear his word for humankind, to baptize and to join in the Lord's Supper, to pray for and present the world to God in worship, to enjoy fellowship, to receive instruction, strength, and comfort, to order and organize its own corporate life, to be tested, renewed, and reformed, and to speak and act in the world's affairs as may be appropriate to the needs of the time.

**9.37** The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society. Their prayer and Bible study are part of the church's worship and theological reflection. Their witness is the church's witness. Their daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world. The quality of their relation with other persons is the measure of the church's fidelity.

**A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

John Weicher

**INVITATION TO GIVE AND DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS**

John Weicher

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

John Weicher

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

**All:** How grateful we are, O God, that you call us to serve with the Holy Spirit,  
who fills us with patience and generosity and genuine love.  
We pray that all we return to you will be used faithfully  
in ministry in the world.  
In the name of Christ, we ask it. Amen.

**CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS**

Susan Dunlap

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Susan Dunlap

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**CHORAL SENDING (Hymn No. 819)** *Be Still, My Soul*

*Finlandia*

*Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Leave to thy God to order and provide,  
who through all changes faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend  
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.*

*Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake  
to guide the future surely as the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;  
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.*

*Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on  
when we shall be forever with the Lord;  
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.*

\*BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

\*POSTLUDE

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

A.D. Miller



**Welcome! Let us know you have joined us for worship by scanning this QR code.**

**First Presbyterian Church** welcomes all who worship with us. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender identity, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church.

On June 13, 70 households tuned in to the 11:00 a.m. streamed broadcast of worship.

**Thank you** to the following instrumentalists who accompanied today's worship service: **Taylor Eppinger**, violin; **Charlotte Maxwell**, violin; and **Ben Maxwell**, cello.

The **flowers** in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by **Mary Ann Ruegg**, in loving memory of her husband, **Don Ruegg**.

**Many thanks** to **John Fricks**, **Jody Maxwell**, **Pat Dillon**, **Keith Rokoske**, and **Jay Klinck**, for their behind-the-scenes technical assistance with our live broadcasts of worship on Sunday mornings. We are also grateful to **Jennie Alwood** for the powerful images accompanying our online services.

Portions of **today's worship texts** were reprinted from *Call to Worship* and *Feasting on the Word*.

The **bulletin cover** is the copy of "storm-on-the-sea-of-galilee" icon card 60524xl (Catholic Supply).

**Childcare** for infants through first grade is available during worship on the second floor of the Christian education building.

**Worship activity bags** are available in the foyer for children to use during worship.

**Large print worship bulletins** along with **children's worship / activity bulletins** are available from the table as you enter the sanctuary from the foyer.

**Hearing Assistance Receivers** are available for use during worship from the audio console located at the rear of the sanctuary. Before you leave the sanctuary, please turn off the receiver and place it in the specially marked receptacle or return to an usher.

**Restrooms** are located in the narthex - to the left and right as you exit the rear of the sanctuary. Additional restrooms are located across the foyer in the church house and on the second floor of the education building.

## ~ Our Celebrations and Concerns ~

**Birth Announcement:** *Jim and Christy Gudaitis* are delighted to share the news that grandson **Rory James Hess** was born on Saturday, June 12 to parents **Margie Gudaitis Hess and Taylor Hess** in Tucson, AZ. Mother, father, and baby are all well.

**Congratulations** to **Nancy McClure**, First Presbyterian Day school staff member, who has retired after 28 years of service to the school. A retirement celebration will be held on Sunday, June 27 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the FPC courtyard. Come by and celebrate with Nancy.

**Concerns:** **Margaret Cleveland**, friend of Katharine Whitmore who has ALS

**Kerry Holbrook**     **Fred Moore**  
**Ruth Roberson**     **Margaret Sims**

### Care Communities:

Brookdale Durham: **Julian Boswell**

Dubose Center at The Cedars, Chapel Hill: **Arthur Clark**

Durham Ridge Assisted Living: **Phillip Herndon**

Emerald Pond: **Paul Cornsweet**

Hillcrest Convalescent Center: **Walter Chambliss**, father of Will Chambliss

The Forest at Duke: **Fran Bryant**

### Family and Friends of the Congregation:

**Carolyn Bonner**, wife of Deborah Momsen-Hudson's coworker Al Bonner

**Flora Estrella**, a relative of Beth Stringfield and Cris Rivera

**Grace**, Chris James' great-niece

**Phil Goss**, a friend of the congregation

**Lori Griffin**, great niece of Jeanne Hervey

**Peggy Mordecai**, mother of Beth Eisenson

**Joy Orval**, friend of Kerry Holbrook

**Ed Overton and wife Abby**, friends of Doug Butler

**Shannon Putman**, daughter of Mary Putman

**Carlton Rounds' mother**, who is fighting cancer. Carlton is a friend of Li-Chen Chin.

**Sharyl**, Kerry Holbrook's friend

**Deb Walsh**, friend of Celia Dickerson

**It's been a minute.**

**Let's (re)introduce ourselves.**

As you return to worship in the church building, whenever that is, please bring a photo of you and yours doing something fun (or at least something) from during the pandemic. It can be anything, but make sure your face(s) is/are visible. Then, label it and tack it up on the long bulletin board in the foyer – supplies will be available. *For our children*, there will be a border on around the bulletin board that they can draw on as they return.



The graphic is a vertical rectangle with a dark blue, textured background. On the left side, there is a vertical banner with the text "FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH - LOVE IN THE HEART OF DURHAM" in white. The main area contains three photographs of people. The top photo shows an older woman with white hair, labeled "BETH". The middle photo shows a family of three (a man, a woman, and a child) standing in front of a church building, labeled "EMILY, CARLO & ...". The bottom photo shows a woman with long brown hair, labeled "MITZI". To the right of the photos, there is white text that reads: "It's been a minute, so let's get (re)introduced..." followed by "BULLETIN BOARD ART INSTALLATION" in large, bold, white letters. Below this, it says "When you return to worship in the building (whenever that is)..." and then lists three instructions: "- BRING a photo of you & yours from during the pandemic," "- LABEL it with your name(s), and" and "- TACK it up on the long bulletin board in the foyer."



**VOLUNTEER** if you are available and willing to help with this event.

See your church friends,  
have fun, get dinner!

**REGISTER YOURSELF/ FAMILY**  
if you plan to attend this event.

Tentative schedule:

5:30-5:40: Arrival/Check-in;  
5:40-6:10: Program for adults and kids, separately;  
6:10-6:30: Whole group activity;  
6:30-6:45: Grab and eat or  
Grab and go dinner!

**Truly an event with something for EVERYONE!**

Contact **Lenore Champion**  
if you have questions.

### **Growing thru Grief**

Growing thru Grief offers year-round support for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. We meet each Tuesday from 4:00-6:00 p.m. on Zoom. Those who attend need to have both audio and video available. Each meeting begins with a short presentation about a part of the grief journey, and then we break into small groups for sharing and conversation. Here are our speakers for June:

June 21 William Holloman The Crosspane  
June 28 William Holloman The Grief Wheel

To register for one of these Zoom meetings, please contact [admin@growingthrugrief.org](mailto:admin@growingthrugrief.org) by 8:00 a.m. on the Monday before the meeting.

### **Volunteers needed at Urban Ministries**

For years, FPC has committed to provide monthly volunteers to help prepare and serve meals at Urban Ministries of Durham. Even through the pandemic, members of FPC have faithfully served as volunteers. If you are fully vaccinated and can serve again or for the first time, please know that you are needed. As always, only volunteer when you are comfortable doing so. If you are available to serve in the month of June, contact **Jen McGonigle** to sign up or call her at 202-421-5870. Click this link:

**<https://umdurham.org/get-involved/opportunities.html>** to see other available opportunities to serve at Urban Ministries.

**Tom Bloom**, Business Administrator  
**Lenore Champion**, Children's Ministry Director  
**Mindy Douglas**, Pastor/Head of Staff  
**Susan Dunlap**, Parish Associate  
**Sybil King**, Administrative Assistant



**Mitzi Leshner-Thomas**, Associate Pastor  
**Valerie McMillian**, Parish Administrator  
**Kathy Parkins**, Minister of Music  
**John Weicher**, Associate Pastor

**For more information about First Presbyterian Church, email the church office:**

**[info@firstpres-durham.org](mailto:info@firstpres-durham.org)** or visit our website: **<https://firstpres-durham.org>**.

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# Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:  
In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.  
Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;  
We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

# Calm to the Waves

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The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are: "Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis - pers, 'Peace, be still.'" Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still-ness, hear his voice.

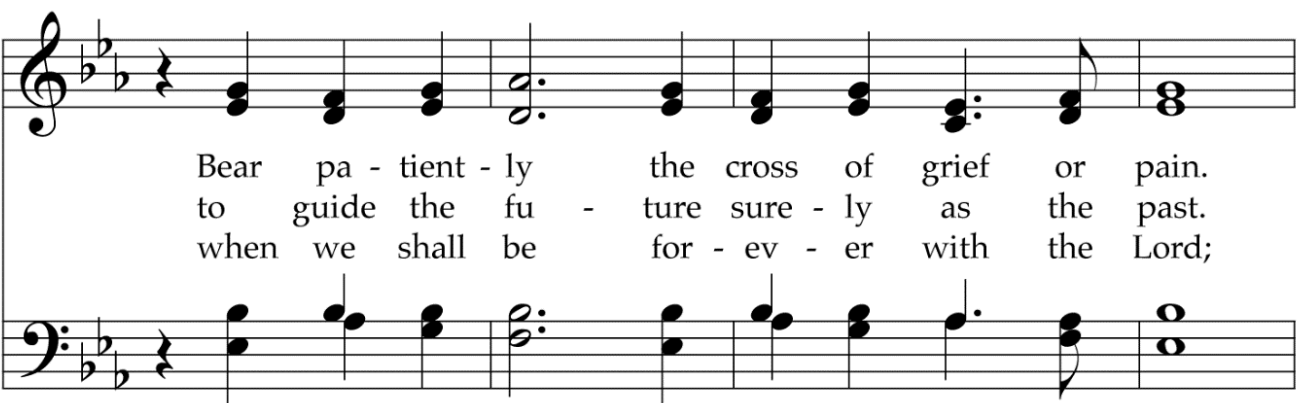
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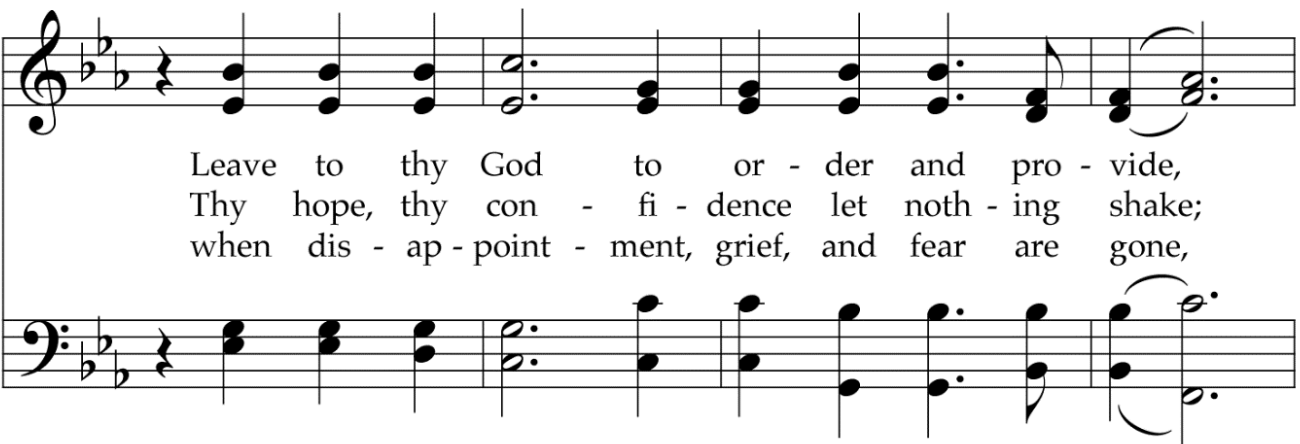
## Be Still, My Soul



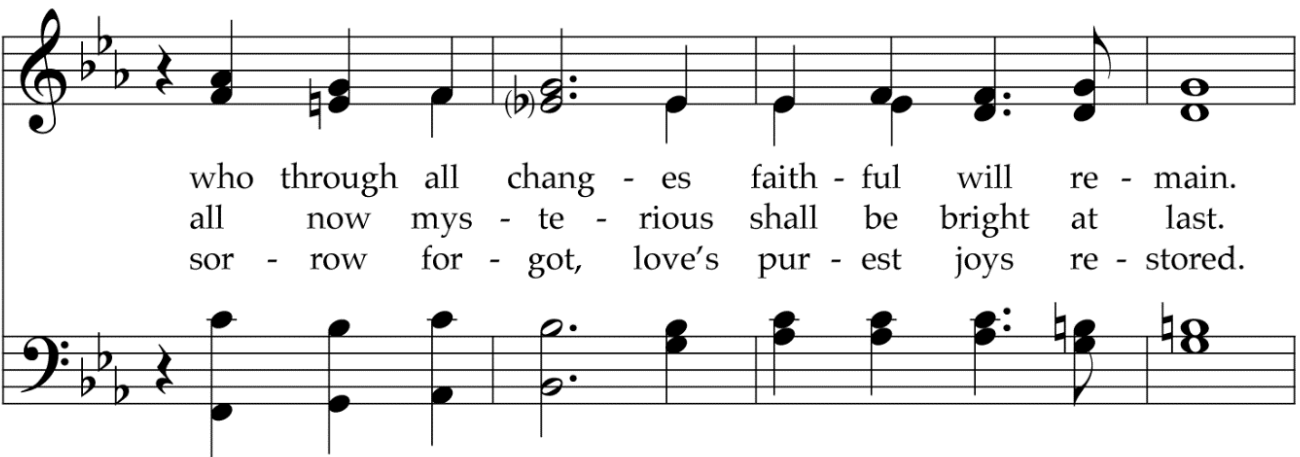
1 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.  
 2 Be still, my soul: thy God doth un - der - take  
 3 Be still, my soul: the hour is has - tening on



Bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain.  
 to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.  
 when we shall be for - ev - er with the Lord;



Leave to thy God to or - der and pro - vide,  
 Thy hope, thy con - fi - dence let noth - ing shake;  
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,



who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.  
 all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at last.  
 sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re - stored.

Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heaven - ly Friend  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.  
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt be - low.  
all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

# When God Restored Our Common Life

(Psalm 126)

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1 When God re - stored our com - mon life, our hope, our lib - er -  
2 We went forth weep - ing, sow - ing seeds in hard, un - yield - ing  
3 Great lib - er - at - ing God, we pray for all who are op -



ty, at first it seemed a pass - ing dream, a  
soil; with laugh - ing hearts we car - ry home the  
pressed. May those who long for what is right with



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